

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-10 are pending in this application. For purposes of expedition, claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1 and 4 have been amended in several particulars for purposes of clarity and brevity in accordance with current Office policy, to further and alternatively define Applicants' disclosed invention and to assist the Examiner to expedite compact prosecution of the instant application.

Claims 2 and 4-10 have been conditionally allowed if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their respective base claim 1. The Examiner's indication of allowability of these claims is noted with appreciation. For purposes of expedition, base claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate all limitations of claim 2, as allowed, in order to place all claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Naruse et al., U.S. Publication No. 2003/0214399 in view of Endoh, U.S. Publication No. 2003/0216880 for reasons stated on page 2 of the Office Action. While Applicants disagree with the Examiner's assessment of Narus '399, base claim 1 has been amended to incorporate all limitations of the allowed claim 2 in order to render the rejection moot and to place all claims in condition for allowance.

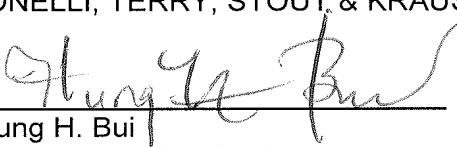
In view of the foregoing amendments, arguments and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney at the Arlington, VA office at (703) 312-6697.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 01-2135.

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